



## NEW POLICY UPDATES

### CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning (10-1-2018):

**DIAGNOSIS CODE GUIDELINES-ICD10 EXCLUDES 1 NOTES**-One of the unique attributes of the ICD-10-CM code set is the new concept of Excludes 1 Notes. An Excludes 1 Note indicates that the excluded code identified in the note should never be used at the same time as the code or code ranges above the Excludes 1 Note in the ICD10 manual. An Excludes 1 Note is used to indicate when two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition. These conditions are mutually exclusive code combinations.

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